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DLNR BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW FERRY TERMINAL, UTILITY AND PIER IMPROVEMENTS AT MA‘ALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR,

MA‘ALAEA, MAUI - The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) today held a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$16 million project to replace the existing “Sea Flight” terminal building and repair the South loading dock at Ma‘alaea Small Boat Harbor. Also planned are upgrades to electrical, sewer and water utilities, and reconstruction of existing roadways and parking areas to better accommodate the proposed ferry service expansion.

In addition, the project will replace the badly deteriorated concrete marginal wharf, electrical utilities and comfort station on the north side of the harbor; and provide multiple vessel sewer pump-out facilities throughout the harbor. The project is scheduled to begin in January 2011.

Boaters, other harbor users and members of the community were invited to attend the afternoon groundbreaking ceremony which was followed by a public information meeting.

Installation of major improvements to the Ma‘alaea Small Boat Harbor, which are jointly funded by the Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and State Legislature is the latest phase of an ongoing renaissance for the harbor and a multi-year effort by the Lingle-Aiona Administration to upgrade small boat harbor facilities statewide.

“The investment in the Ma‘alaea Small Boat Harbor highlights the commitment of my Administration and our federal partners to upgrade and modernize our aging infrastructure statewide,” said Governor Linda Lingle, who took part in the groundbreaking ceremony. “The improvements to the Ma‘alaea small boat harbor facility and many others around the State, will help ensure our residents and visitors can enjoy safe and easy access to the ocean.”

“I am pleased that federal funding will provide critical and much needed infrastructure improvements to the Ma‘alaea Small Boat Harbor,” Senator Daniel Inouye said, “Over \$9 million for this project comes from the Federal Transit Administration as a result of a Congressional provision for ferry terminal improvements in Hawai‘i. Once completed, the improvements will provide for a more reliable, efficient and safer commuter ferry system between Maui and Lana‘i.”

Amenities of the project include a new multi-use ferry terminal building, waste water treatment plant, concrete paved roadways and parking areas, new piers, multiple vessel sewage pump-out facilities, upgraded electrical, sewer and water systems, and a new comfort station.

This project will complement the ongoing \$2.2 million marginal pier replacement and recently completed \$1.1 comfort station at the Lahaina small boat harbor; \$11.5 million ferry system improvements at the Manele small boat harbor, which was completed in May 2008. When completed, this project would increase overall ferry system capacity and encourage greater patronage by providing a more direct access to government services, employment, and recreational opportunities to the major population centers in Central and South Maui from the island of Lana‘i.

“A few years ago we stood at a crossroads, lacking funding to repair docks and other facilities that were falling into the harbor waters,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “We committed to rebuilding and modernizing small boat harbors throughout the state, and we are pleased that we are making significant progress in their rejuvenation.”

“Due to the magnitude of this project, we realize that impacts to the harbor users are unavoidable, however, we are hopeful that many of these impacts will be minimized as this project will be constructed in phases,” said Ed Underwood, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation administrator.

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Construction Details

The project is scheduled to begin in January 2011. The project includes the demolition of the existing badly deteriorated terminal building; north marginal wharf, electrical, water and sewer utilities, paved roadways and parking areas.

A new wastewater treatment plant, which will replace the existing large capacity cesspools, will provide significantly better treatment of the wastewater and will reduce nutrient loading in the harbor and adjacent waters. In addition, multiple vessel sewage pump-out facilities will be provided throughout the harbor.

The new sewage pump-out facilities will provide vessel owners and operators with a convenient alternative for the disposal of their sewage into the new waste water treatment plant, instead of the ocean.

The new terminal building and comfort station will incorporate building materials that provide durability and low maintenance, as well as strength to withstand the harsh marine environment. The terminal building will have a restroom and passenger waiting area on the ground floor and administrative offices on the second floor. The new comfort station will replace the existing comfort station next to the boat ramp, which was taken out of service nearly three years ago. The north marginal wharf will be constructed of corrosion-resistant, 6000 series aluminum that sit on the repaired concrete pile caps. The aluminum frame will be topped with fiber reinforced plastic grating; and reinforced composite plastic

fendering with modular power pedestals. The modular sections of the pier will be fabricated by Bluewater Marine in Waialua, O‘ahu and delivered to the Ma‘alaea Small Boat Harbor fully assembled and ready to install, greatly reducing the down time.

The existing asphalt paved roadways and parking areas will be replaced with concrete paving, which requires minimal maintenance and will last a lot longer than asphalt pavement.

The electrical, sewer, and water utilities will be upgraded to comply with current State and County requirements. In addition, the water system will be upgraded to provide fire protection for vessels and buildings throughout the harbor.

The project was designed by Fukunaga and Associates, Inc and will be constructed by Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company. The project cost for the ferry system, utility and pier improvements is \$15,956,842. The funding for the project is provided by the Federal Transit Administration, Ferry System Improvement grant (\$9,071,234), State of Hawai‘i (\$6,419,048) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sport Fish Restoration, Clean Vessel Act Program (\$466,560).

Between now and the start of construction, DLNR officials will continue to work with vessel owners/operators, tenants and harbor users to provide up to date project information and options to minimize disruptions during the project.

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